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COOPERATION ON MISSILE DEFENCE SYSTEM WITH U.S.
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and US have agreed to cooperate on the Missile defence system to enhance security and stability in South Asia;

(b) if so, the details thereof and agreement so reached between the two countries;

(c) whether any discussion was held between India and US Defence Policy Group (DPG); and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which India is likely to be benefited by this cooperation?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir. No cooperation agreement has been reached between India and the US on the subject of a missile defence system.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The Indo-US Defence Policy Group meeting was held in May, 2002.In the meeting both sides decided to hold future missile defence workshops as a measure to enhance cooperative security and stability.